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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H09-171501, which was published on June 30, 1997, and is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the above-explained application;

- U.S. Patent No. 6,356,902 to TAN et al., which issued on March 12, 2002;
- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0056506 to MUNETSUGU et al., which was published on December 27, 2001;
- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0129371 to EMURA et al., which was published on September 12, 2002; and
- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0187829 to EMURA et al., which was published on October 2, 2003.

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under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patent and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the submitted documents. A copy of the Japanese patent document is attached, and all of the documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form, which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending, commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/668,379 to BI et al., entitled "An Efficient Motion Compensation Apparatus for Digital Video Format Down-Conversation Using Generalized Orthogonal Transformation," which was filed on September 25, 2000; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/449,067 to SENOH et al., entitled "Contents Distribution System, Contents Distribution Apparatus, Terminal, and Method of Distributing Contents," which was filed on June 2, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned patent applications are attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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